IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT "A"

APPLICANT: Martin KOCH, et al. GROUP ART UNIT: 3751

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COMPRISING SAID COUPLING CLOSURES

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SIR:

In response to the final Office Action of April 27, 2011, the following is submitted: